

only be met by a spirit of learning. But tragically as we all know today, there is a movement afoot in state capitals, and the nation's capital, to retreat on America's historic commitment to education funding. It is a retreat marked by a rather unusual argument. One that says, slashing education funding is for the good of our children. Under this skewed logic, cutting back on education will enable us, in some miraculous way, to provide more and better opportunities than we now enjoy. Nothing could be further from the truth. If we sound the retreat on education in America, we deny the opportunity of preschool and Head Start to thousands of children. We deny tens of thousands of elementary school students the resources they need to improve their reading and math schools. We deny summer jobs and learning opportunities to young people. And most cruelly of all, we deny the opportunity for college to millions of Americans by decreasing the availability of loans, making them less flexible, and raising interest payments and tuition beyond the reach of many working families.

It is particularly ironic that those who profess to worry most about values in America are on a crusade to diminish federal support for education and obliterate the National Service program known as Americorps, that the President launched last year. It is a false debate to pit a discussion about values against the real economic concerns of the American people. It is not either/or. It is both/and. We need both a strong economy that protects jobs and values that we want our children to be raised by. And what better example than National Service of what we mean by taking economic and educational opportunity and marrying it with values. The values you get from tutoring children, building homes for the elderly, working with police officers, cleaning up the environment, immunizing children. National Service is built on very old-fashioned values of hard work, discipline, and community service. The men and women who serve do so because they want to help people. And in return they get some small assistance with their education that not only helps them, but helps us as a country.

So whether we belong to Generation X, Y, or Z, each of us has the opportunity in our own way to make clear what values really matter. And we also can make a difference with those values in the lives of people we love and care about. Education matters. Kindness matters. Truth matters. Patience, hard work, tolerance, empathy, discipline—all of these matter. Forgiveness matters, and gratitude matters, especially on a day like today.

TRIBUTE TO GEORGE WEBSTER

HON. JAMES H. (JIMMY) QUILLEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 1995

Mr. QUILLEN. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to take this opportunity to pay tribute to a legend of the Washington, DC, legal community, as well as a very dear friend of mine, George Webster, who is stepping down as general counsel for the American Society of Association Executives after 30 years of exemplary service to that body.

Although he has made his living in the District of Columbia for 45 years, he remains a constituent of mine by maintaining his beautiful farm in Hawkins County, TN, the region where his family originated and where he was

born 74 years ago. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and attended Harvard Law School on the GI bill.

Upon his arrival in Washington, Mr. Webster established himself at a respected DC law firm where he developed his interest in the laws governing associations. This interest led to his being named general counsel of the American Society of Association Executives in 1965. In turn, his work with ASAE led to his writing the definitive book on association law, "The Law of Associations," in 1971. This book has been in print ever since and has provided crucial guidance for legions of associations as they sought to work toward their members' best interest. It has also proven invaluable to all association leaders.

Mr. Webster founded his own Washington, law firm in 1968, currently known as Webster, Chamberlain, and Bean, of which his son Hugh is a partner. As one might expect, Webster, Chamberlain, and Bean does an excellent business in representing associations as well as corporate entities, and it remains one of the most respected Washington law.

In addition to knowing George Webster by his professional reputation and as a fellow Tennessean in Washington, he also has been extremely active in Republican politics at the State and national levels. He was the head of Lawyers for Nixon during President Nixon's reelection campaign, and has been heavily involved in fundraising for several national Republican candidates since then. In east Tennessee, there are few better ways for a Republican to raise money and meet people than to have him entertain at the Webster farm near Rogersville.

Although George feels that 30 years as general counsel to ASAE is enough, he will continue to remain active at Webster, Chamberlain, and Bean, and I know that he will enjoy spending more time with his lovely wife, Tuttie, and his children, Hugh, George, and Aen. I know that while ASAE will surely miss his guidance, he will continue to be available to advise associations, other attorneys, and friends for a long time to come.

It is a great honor to pay tribute to such a valued and longtime friend who richly deserves the highest praise for his contributions, loyalty, and dedication to his profession, to the State of Tennessee and to the Nation over the years. His achievements have done so much for so many during his lifetime.

TRIBUTE TO HARRY AND GERALDINE DUBEL

HON. JACK QUINN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 1995

Mr. QUINN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 65th wedding anniversary of Harry and Geraldine Dubel. Harry and the former Geraldine Solomon, who were both born in 1909, were married on September 10, 1930, at St. Stephen's Roman Catholic Church.

Parents of 3 wonderful children, Rita, Henry Jr., and Robert, their family now proudly includes 13 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren.

Harry initially worked as a delivery man for the Bond Bread Co. and then worked in the grocery business. After 10 years, during which

he studied the business, he and Geraldine opened their own family-owned and operated market. Their small market grew and prospered and became Buffalo's well-known "Dubel's Supermarket."

After 54 years of hard work, Harry went into semiretirement: now he works only 6 days a week at the store with his sons who took over the family business years ago.

Mr. Speaker, today I would like to join with Harry and Geraldine's family, colleagues, and innumerable friends throughout western New York to recognize and celebrate with them their 65-year commitment based on mutual love, faith, and respect. Harry and Geraldine Dubel are in inspiration to us all.

MAKES ME WANNA WHINE

HON. MICHAEL G. OXLEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 1995

Mr. OXLEY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring a recent column by Paul Taylor of The Washington Post to the attention of my colleagues. As we in Congress continue about our task of reducing the power, reach and expense of the Federal Government, we might do well also to lower some unrealistic expectations.

In a free society, there are limits to what government can do to guarantee financial success for its citizens, prepare for their retirement, or preserve their families. The U.S. Government can not compel people to make intelligent career choices, invest wisely, or take their kids to the ball game. The Government can not make you go to church—it is in the Constitution.

Our first goal should be to see to it that government interference does not restrain citizens from realizing their dreams. Beyond that, we should limit ourselves to those relatively few activities which are performed best by a National Government. To that end, it would be helpful if politicians, pundits and the press would take a break from over-indulging the malcontents (and searching for scapegoats) and instead focus on efficiently executing the basic functions of government.

The at once sad and glorious truth is that much of what ails the people of the United States today is beyond the domain of government. Americanism is about individual initiative, personal responsibility, private acts of charity, and above all else, freedom. With the freedom to pursue your ambitions comes the risk of falling short. With that in mind, I commend the following column by Paul Taylor to the attention of all interested parties.

MAKES ME WANNA WHINE

(By Paul Taylor)

"Politics," says Bill Bradley, "is broken." His fix is to quit the Senate and "focus on the lives of the people who are disconnected from the political process." And just maybe run for president.

Three suggestions, senator. Start by telling all those disconnected people to stop whining. Then tell the politicians to stop pandering to the whining. Then tell the media to stop exploiting the whining.

Can anyone really believe the problem with American politics is that the folks who claim to be alienated from it—most inclusively defined, the nearly three-quarters of